

REMARKS

The subject matter of claim 19 was added to main claim 18. Hence, entry of this amendment is as a matter of right.

Main claim 18 recites that the finishing agent contains a lower alcohol and at least one glycol ether selected from a specific group that obtains the unexpected advantages described in the section "Effects of Invention" in the specification, as well as in Examples 6 and 13.

Fuji discloses diethylene glycol. Sakamoto discloses polyethylene glycol and Cellosolve, which is a mono-ether of ethylene glycol. Neither Fuji nor Sakamoto teaches any of the specific glycol ethers now set forth in the main claim 18.

Hence, the unexpected advantages of the present invention cannot be obtained without the specific glycol ethers recited in claim 18.

Fessenden discloses a method of preserving biological material, in which oxidation inhibitors may be used. Fessenden does not teach any of the specific glycol ethers now set forth in the main claim 18.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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